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METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR TRANSFERRING SYNCHRONOUS OPTICAL NETWORK/SYNCHRONOUS DIGITAL HIERARCHY (SONET/SDH) FRAMES ON PARALLEL TRANSMISSION LINKS

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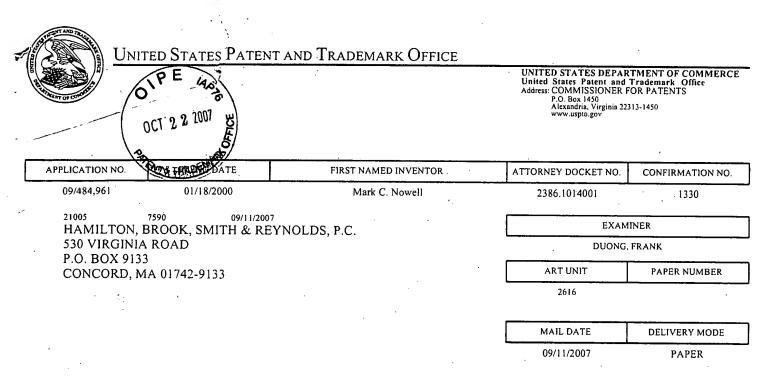
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The character of the lines, numbers and letters is poor. FIG(s)
The illustration is penetrated or traversed by a solid or broken line that is not intended to be part of the drawing, such as a dark line caused by a flaw in the copying process. FIG(s)
An ink stamp or an image obscures part of the illustration. FIG(s)
The drawing is marred by black smudges, obliterations, or fax/copier marks. FIG(s)
Figure numbers are duplicated or missing. FIG(s).
Numbers, letters, or reference characters in the drawing have been crossed out by hand or are illegibly handwritten. $FIG(s)$ $2+5$
The drawing's background shows that the original drawing was made on graph paper or other paper with a pattern or decoration. FIG(s)
The FIG. number label is placed in a location that causes the drawing to be read upside down. FIG(s)
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The drawing is continued onto a second page (or more) without proper labeling under 37 CFR 1.84(u)(1). FlG(s)
The drawing and/or the FIG. label contain(s) foreign language. FIG(s)
Color drawings are present in this application but the following 37 CFR 1.84(a) requirements have not been met*:
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COMMENTS: Fig. 1- lead line is without reference number. Fig. 2 & 5 has crossed out and corrections hand-written. Please provide replacement drawings.

^{*}If color drawings are not elected, then applicant must respond so stating. Also, references to color drawings in the specification, if any, must be amended.381.



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